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SUBJ: ADMIN ARRANGEMENTS FOR FY 78 ARA CONSULAR CONFERENCE

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1. HOTEL SHERATON, TELEPHONE 329050, LOCATED AT PASEO DE LA REPUBLICA 170 HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR CONSULAR CONFERENCE. POST HAS MADE TENTATIVE RESERVATIONS FOR 30-35 ROOMS MAY 7 THROUGH 12. SINGLE \$30.00, DOUBLE \$39, INCLUDING TAXES, SERVICE CHARGES ETC. HOTEL REQUIRES CONFIRMATION ON NUMBER OF ROOMS BY MAY 2.

2. HOTEL SHERATON, LOCATED ONE BLOCK FROM EMBASSY HAS ALL APPROPRIATE FACILITIES EXPECTED IN MOST SHERATON HOTELS, I.E. 24-HOUR SNACK BAR, TWO RESTAURANTS, SAUNA, LAUNDRY FACILITIES, ETC. IT IS CLOSE TO CENTER OF LIMA ALTHOUGH TAXIS WILL BE NECESSARY FOR TRAVEL TO MOST RESTAURANTS, SHOPPING, ETC. TAXI FEES ARE MODERATE. POST COMMISSARY IS LOCATED NEXT TO EMBASSY AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

3. WEATHER IN LIMA DURING CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO BE OVERCAST DURING DAY, AND COOL IN EVENINGS WITH HIGH OF 75 DEGREES F AND LOW OF 67 DEGREES F.

4. ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE IS AVAILABLE WITH HOTEL CASHIER
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FOR DOLLARS OR TRAVELERS CHECKS. EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE SAME FOR PERSONAL CHECKS IN CHANCERY CASHIER OFFICE. RATE OF EXCHANGE AT PRESENT TIME IS 130 SOLES TO DOLLAR.

5. REGRET POST UNABLE GUARANTEE MEET ALL PARTICIPANTS.
ON ASSUMPTION WASHINGTON CONTINGENT COMPRISES APPROXIMATELY 15 PEOPLE AND GROUP WILL ARRIVE/DEPART ON SAME FLIGHT

RECOMMEND POST BE AUTHORIZED RENT TWENTY PASSENGER BUS FOR ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE. ESTIMATED COST IS APPROXIMATELY \$80. OTHER PARTICIPANTS SHOULD NOT ENCOUNTER ANY DIFFICULTY WITH CUSTOMS/IMMIGRATION FORMALITIES WHICH ARE MINIMAL. OUR BIGGEST PROBLEM IS WITH LOST BAGGAGE OF AMERICAN CARRIER, BRANIFF AIRLINES. TAXIS ARE READILY AVAILABLE AT AIRPORT, OUTSIDE OF CUSTOMS AREA. AVERAGE COST IS BETWEEN 700-800 SOLES (DOLLARS FIVE TO SIX) AND HOTEL SHERATON IS WELL KNOWN TO ALL TAXI DRIVERS. AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 2, HOTEL IS ACROSS STREET FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY.

6. VALID VISA IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY INTO PERU BY HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS.

7. CONFERENCE FACILITIES SHOULD BE ADEQUATE FOR DEPARTMENT NEEDS. CIRCULAR TABLE DESCRIBED IN REFTEL MAY BE DIFFICULT, BUT CONFERENCE ROOM WILL NOT HAVE STAGE/AUDITORIUM ATMOSPHERE. HOTEL WILL PROVIDE TWO SMALLER ROOMS WITH CAPACITY 12-15 PEOPLE FOR WORKSHOPS.

8. POST CONSULAR SECTION WILL ATTEMPT PROVIDE NOTETAKERS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, BUT BELIEVE OTHER PARTICIPANTS MAY HAVE TO BE CALLED UPON TO ASSIST IN THIS ENDEAVOR.

9. NEED TO KNOW FOLLOWING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

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A. NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.

B. EXACT ARRIVAL INFORMATION ALL ATTENDEES - FLIGHT NUMBER, DATE OF ARRIVAL, FULL NAME, LENGTH OF STAY, AND TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION DESIRED.

C. CAN WE EXPECT DEPARTMENT DELEGATION IN ADVANCE TO PROVIDE POST WITH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS, ETC? IF TELEGRAPHIC ADVICE WILL BE PROVIDED REQUEST SAME NO LATER THAN MAY 3.

D. WE DO NOT PLAN HAVE STAFF AVAILABLE AT HOTEL ON FULL TIME BASIS BUT RATHER AS NEEDED FOR SUCH THINGS AS CONFIRMATION OF DEPARTING AIRLINE RESERVATIONS, ETC. DOES DEPARTMENT BELIEVE THAT IS ADEQUATE? REQUEST NAME OF CONFERENCE COORDINATOR IN DEPARTMENT AND WILL SAME INDIVIDUAL PROCEED TO LIMA?

E. AS AMBASSADOR WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY BE OUT OF COUNTRY DURING CONFERENCE, DCM WILL BE PLEASED OFFER WELCOMING REMARKS TO GROUP DURING FIRST MORNING SESSION. HE ALSO OFFERS RECEPTION EVENING OF MAY 8 IF THIS AGREEABLE TO DEPARTMENT. DRESS WOULD BE BUSINESS SUIT FOR MEN, LONG

OR SHORT DRESS FOR LADIES.

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